

Essay for Falcon Naming Contest

Our 3rd graders at Baker Elementary in San Jose enjoy a field trip to City Hall every year thanks to our City Council representative Pete Constant. Seeing and hearing about the falcons is always a highlight of the trip. Some of the students decided to enter the contest individually, but a suggestion by one student who didn't even plan on entering stood out to me and I wanted to enter it on behalf of the class. The name is Sonic. Perfect, in my opinion, for two reasons – falcons fly fast and there was just a sonic boom heard in parts of California last Sunday. The student was thinking peregrine falcons = fast = sonic, and then I said hey, there was a sonic boom recently → daytime fireball = rare = peregrine falcons. To simplify the equation, Sonic = the perfect name for one of the new falcons!

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*Caleb's the
one who came
up with it.*

